**Chairman’s Report, Norfolk Seniors, 2020.**

As we all know, it has been a difficult season due to Covid-19. However, we did get some cricket when it looked for quite a while that there would be no cricket at all. That we did eventually get some cricket was entirely down to the efforts of local organisers in the absence of any national leadership from either the o50 or the o60/70 competitions. Norfolk were involved in local discussions at 50s, 60s and 70s level and I am delighted to say that we eventually had mini-leagues for our 50s, 60s 1sts and 2nds and 70s. These all worked well and some good cricket was played at all levels.

The o50s were in a group with Essex, Suffolk and Cambs. They beat Suffolk and narrowly lost two other very tight games and generally had a very good season, with a new generation of players coming through. Both 60s teams were in groups with Suffolk, Cambs/ Hunts and Essex, and both won 1 and lost 3. Neither side was really at full strength, but both played some creditable cricket. The 70s were in a group with Herts, Beds, Leics, Lincs and they won 3 and lost 2, again a creditable performance. As these mini-competitions ran into September, they pushed out the Norfolk Seniors games we would usually have then, but our opponents understood this and are happy to play again next year.

The club is in good financial order. We have good reserves and we are ready to pay the bills which come at the start of next season. The club is in good administrative order and we have a few small proposed changes to the constitution which will ensure that it remains so. We have recruited well at o50s level, which is excellent for the future of the club

Looking to next season, we hope to be able to put out a 50s second team on a regular basis, building towards having a full set of fixtures for them. We hope too to have the Norfolk Seniors games, where we play as a mix of our 50s, 60s and 70s sides back. It would be wonderful if Covid-19 is completely out of the way for next season, but if not the club needs to be flexible and prepared to generate and take all the opportunities we can to play cricket.

Finally, some thanks to those who do unsung jobs which are critical to keeping the club running. To Nigel Crickmore and his band of umpires, to our regular scorers, Ted, Sue and Glen, to the clubs who hire out their grounds to us and to the NCB who provided us with valuable advice about Covid-19 protocols. Finally, a big vote of thanks to Chris Palmer, who was 60s 2nds captain and has been a great servant of the club over the years, who is now retiring from playing but will be still umpiring.